

CONTEST TO PASS LITERACY TEST OVER VETO NEARS CRISIS

Five-Hour Debate on Restricted Immigration Ends With Vote Late Today.

EQUAL TIME FOR EACH SIDE

Congressman Adair Calls President's Opposition One of Mistakes Presidents Make.

Advocates of restricted immigration began their fight on the floor of the House at 11:20 o'clock today to pass the bill containing the "literacy test" clause over President Wilson's veto.

For five hours and twenty minutes the debate will continue, the vote on the measure, which it is conceded will be close, being scheduled for 4:40 o'clock this afternoon.

When Congressman Burnett of Alabama, chairman of the House Committee on Immigration, called the matter before the lower branch by moving that the bill be passed, "the President's veto to the contrary notwithstanding,"

It was agreed between proponents and opponents of the motion to override Mr. Wilson's disapproval, that the debate be divided equally between the two sides. Under this arrangement, Mr. Burnett and Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts, both of whom wish the veto set aside, will each control one hour and twenty minutes, while like periods were allotted to Congressman Moore of Pennsylvania and Congressman Sabath of Illinois, who oppose the motion.

The appearance of the immigration bill on the floor today marks the ninth time it has been made the subject of a motion to override a Presidential veto.

Calls it a Mistake.

Congressman Adair of Indiana, the first speaker, under the passage of the bill over the veto on the ground that the President's opposition to the measure was one of the mistakes which every President, no matter how able, is sure to make. He declared that, in his opinion, the restrictive literacy test has the approval of the American people, and that it will exert a stimulating influence upon education all over the world.

He said: "It has been a prominent issue before the people for fifteen years. It has been discussed by 30,000 lay organizations scattered throughout the country, representing a membership of 2,000,000, and all of these organizations have passed resolutions favoring the passage of this bill."

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Shipping Bill Filibuster Keeps Back Legislation

Many Measures, Particularly Ones Providing For Conservation, Being Crushed as Result Of Old Alliance.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

The double-barreled filibuster on the ship purchase bill—Republicans filibustering against it half the time, Democrats filibustering for it the other half—is playing hob with a lot of legislation that meanwhile hasn't a chance of consideration.

Just about this time in every short session of Congress a tremendous fight is almost certain to be organized about something or other. Everybody gets excited over it, and it is immediately raised to the power in legislative importance. As a rule, the public takes it seriously, as it is expected to do. People "in the know" don't always take it so seriously.

Take the ship bill filibuster. Is it a screen behind which some other measures are being quietly smothered to death?

MANY THINK IT A SCREEN.

There are plenty of people in and out of Congress who believe it is. They point out that a series of measures are waiting for attention, which must die with this Congress unless they can get attention; that these measures are bitterly opposed and always have been; and that, whether by design or otherwise, the present filibuster is a device for bringing these measures nearer their doom.

In the list of measures thus held back while Congress talks the short session to death, an experienced and cynical legislator named:

The railway securities control bill. The Ferris waterpower control bill. The legislation to open stores of coal, phosphate, oil, gas, and other resources now in public ownership.

The conservation measures have always been threatened with being talked to death if they should reach the legislative point where there was danger of their passage.

None More Adroitly Opposed.

No class of legislation has been more adroitly, ably or determinedly opposed, in all the years since conservation became an issue. Congress after Congress has seen such bills brought under the guns of intense antagonism, first in committee, then in one house, then, if necessary, in the other.

When the present conservation program was brought forward there was open avowal of the purpose to kill it at any cost. It was repeatedly declared that to report such bills would be useless, because they would be engineered down into the little end of the legislative funnel, and talked to death in the last days of the Congress.

These threats were emphasized during the hearing of the committee, where every evidence was shown of a purpose to delay them just as long as possible.

The railway securities measure has passed the house and is now on the senate calendar. If it could be forced to a vote it might have a chance to pass. But it is very well understood that it has been discussed by 30,000 lay organizations scattered throughout the country, representing a membership of 2,000,000, and all of these organizations have passed resolutions favoring the passage of this bill.

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ASKS EXTRA SESSION IF SHIP BILL FAILS

Senator Chilton Tells President 8,000 Tons of West Virginia Coal Await Transportation.

Declaring that 8,000 tons of coal from the mines of West Virginia were tied up at Newport News, Va., awaiting shipment to Europe, Senator Chilton of West Virginia today urged President Wilson to call an extra session of Congress to pass the ship purchase bill, if the measure fails at the present session.

The general impression at the White House, however, is that the President will not resort to this step if the bill fails. He is understood to be convinced that an extra session would not be popular, and believes that the Republic would not want anything better than this to happen.

On the other hand, friends of the bill are urging him to push it through, he is in position to go before the country and charge that the Republicans are obstructing the ship purchase bill, which is the only plan proposed to relieve the congestion in foreign trade and to build up a merchant marine.

That he will do this is thought to be almost certain. But it is also thought that if he accepts all the invitations that have been extended him, he will speak in practically every State of the Union. There is every reason to believe that these speeches, sounding the alarm of the ship purchase bill, will carry the message into the camp of the Republicans.

Advisers of the President today had practically abandoned all hope of passing the bill through. The President was told that even if enough votes were mustered to compose a majority for the vote, the water power bill is on the Senate calendar; has the support of men of all parties who favor the principle of conservation; and the opposition of the water power interests. It provides for fifty-year leases, with the power in the Government to take over the property on reasonable terms at the end of the period; provides publicity, control of rates and charges, and exact a small fee for use of the power.

Impetus To Development.

The other conservation bill, looking to development of coal, oil, phosphates, etc., in the public domain, is a pretty extended compilation of methods for control to prevent monopoly and speculation, insure reasonable prices, prevent waste, and the like. Secretary Lane has declared its passage would mean a great impetus to development.

But it will not pass if the little committee that has always opposed it keep it back behind a filibuster skirmish line until it is too late.

There are a considerable number of people in Congress who think that if the railway securities bill is passed this session it would do much to steady business conditions and improve the credit of the country.

Other insist it would have just the opposite effect. The Administration is pledged by its platform to this legislation, and it has passed the house. If it should get to the front, so that a vote could be forced, it would be well-nigh impossible for the opposition to oppose, while there is a very considerable body of Republicans anxious for the chance to report it.

But the Administration has decided that this platform promise is not to be avoided, particularly as if it were carried out and forced ahead, the group of progressive Republicans would be the people to force it and to accumulate most of the credit for it.

SOUTHERNERS RUN
SUFFRAGE "MOVIE"

Southern women today are in charge of the Colonial Theater, where the suffrage melodrama, "Your Girl and Mine," is being presented. They are acting as doorkeepers, ushers, and ticket sellers, and are making brief suffrage talks between the acts.

Mrs. Wesley Martin Stoner, president of the Kate Gordon Chapter, of the Southern States Woman's Suffrage Conference, is in charge, and will bear the brunt of the suffrage attack, the first of the local police and detective forces, and of Mary J. Reynolds.

Members of the Holy Name Society, of which the deceased was a member, will act as pallbearers at the funeral, which will be held from the Holy Comforter church at 3 o'clock Saturday morning. Interment will be at St. Olivet cemetery.

B. F. Reynolds, Former District Employee, Dead

Bowen F. Reynolds, twenty-seven years old, formerly a clerk in the record division of the Engineer Department of the District, died last night at the residence of his mother, 1401 East Capitol street. Mr. Reynolds was the son of the late William H. Reynolds, long a member of the local police and detective forces, and of Mary J. Reynolds.

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WARY SOLONS BALK AT SUFFRAGIST JOY

Hasten Referendum Legislation To Prevent Demonstration At Albany.

ALBANY, Feb. 4.—Speed, with which the Legislature is pushing the resolution proposing a referendum on an equal suffrage amendment, is annoying suffragist leaders.

It had been planned that the resolution, which passed the assembly 113 to 0, be brought to a vote in the Senate on Tuesday next, and women planned to be present to celebrate the anticipated passage of the resolution.

But the resolution has been placed in "general orders" and may be reported at any moment.

Majority Leader Brown declared the judiciary committee did not think it should "convert the Senate into any sort of a demonstration," and, therefore, he was forced to break his promise that the matter should be set down for final action Tuesday.

Miss Alberta Hill, one of Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch's lieutenants, promptly held a long distance telephone conversation with her chief in New York and reported that all hope was not lost.

"It is dreadful," Miss Hill said later, "just like taking candy from a child to deprive us of this motion picture. Why, if they treated men this

way the streets of Albany would reek with vermillion.

"Do they think we were going to shout in the galleries? We were not! We were just going to smile at the legislators for being so kind to us. But I wouldn't smile at them now. No, I wouldn't."

Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, president of the Western New York Union, which has made arrangements for the demonstration at the capital, said last evening:

"I believe it is not so much a change of mind, as a change of heart with Senator Brown. I fear possibly the indirect influence of the anti-suffragists has been at work upon Senator Brown, and has succeeded in terrifying him. Though he is an anti-suffragist, he should deny us this pleasant curiosity of being present in the Senate when the final vote was taken? Why should he fear such a demonstration of joy on our part? Why this sudden shyness on his part?"

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Mount Pleasant—Wilbur F. Brown et al., to Samuel L. Smith, lot 231, square 231, \$10 (stamp \$2).

Our Country's Menace

Some are wondering if our lawmakers are not coming to be as great a menace to our country as an invading army would be. These lawmakers grind out laws on top of laws affecting things which they do not understand, and which in most cases they do not seem to care to understand. Laws are passed in rapid succession in Washington and elsewhere that take away the liberties of the people, that cripple our industries, that put a frightful burden on the taxpayers, and which in many cases amount practically to a confiscation of property.

Well might the people anxiously ask what can be done to save our country from the epidemic of legislative idiocy that is sweeping over the land.

T. H. G.
New York, January 27, 1915.

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